

April 20, 21, 22

ASBI to hold elections

Well, it's that time of year again. On April 20, 21 and 22 the Associated Student Body, Inc., will elect officers for the 1977-78 school year. Up for grabs will be the positions of ASBI President, Secretary, Treasurer, Liberal Arts representative, Vo-tech rep., and Evening School rep.

Next fall the remainder of ASBI officers will be elected, giving freshmen, er, freshpersons, an opportunity to become involved.

Anyone interested in running for office can contact Helen Wheeler in SPS or an ASBI member down in the S.U. All that are required are passing grades, a clean bill of health and a petition requiring only the filer's signature.

So if you'd like to join the impressive list of distinguished student council veterans, as well as enjoy a break on tuition, stop down and file a petition. Deadline is Monday, April 18th.



Why is this man astonished? Look on page 9.

"For an organization so widely criticized, the younger generation certainly has an outstanding list of former members."

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So what else is new?

Students eye parking spaces

By John F. Crowley

A new wave of parking madness has settled over Clatsop College, although to those who've been here a while it's just a rerun.

The frenzy began last Friday when, as is customary, a representative of Astoria's Finest rang in the new term by ticketing, en masse, all cars parked on 16th Street between Jerome and Lexington. Several students whose vehicles were hit ran out to do what they could, which was nothing, and so began an angry exchange between the students and the APD, the victims charging selective enforcement, the police citing convenience (there they were, all lined up . . .).

No one is sure why there's no parking along that stretch; oddly enough the ban is effectively only before six p.m. Also, it seems to be a logical and safe place to park, and a convenient one at that. So why the signs?

That's what a committee of concerned students have undertaken to discover. Led by Valerie Hoot, Jake Matsumoto and Bill Kaercher, the group plans to persuade the city to remove the devils. "The students here have enough sense to know where to park safely," Valerie remarked at a recent ASBI meeting. "And anyone who pays \$120 tuition per term shouldn't have to walk two blocks just to get to school from their car."

Alan Bathelder, dean of students, commented that he'd never had to walk more than a block himself. "It's a matter of choice," he said. "You can park and walk, or you can park and pay. It's a gamble. We all gamble."

More of a gamble than some students wish to take, apparently. The ad-hoc student group insists that cars are left alone in those spots for weeks at a time, police cars passing left and right, with no ticket. When the police do decide to issue citations, they insist, it's strictly a free-for-all. The students seek a consistent policy from the city, and went to college president Phil Bainer for his ideas on the matter.

While Mr. Bainer agreed that parking is tight, he would not agree it's impossible to find a space.

"I don't believe, as some students have insisted, that they have no choice but to park on the streets. I've had to circle a few times to find a spot, but even if it's at the very end of the library parking lot, for instance, there is a spot if you're willing to look for it." Well, the students are looking, but they've got their eye on the spaces on 16th St. At a meeting with instructor and city councilman Mark Christie Monday, the group learned of ways to wade through the city bureaucracy to achieve their goal. Mr. Christie recommended the group contact the Traffic Safety Committee and pledged to help them in their effort.

In the meantime, it's best to remember Alan's observation: "It's a gamble."

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ASBI Film program set

Spring term, and your thoughts will turn to...movies, of course. And this term, does the ASBI have movies for you. Here is a run down on the spring movie schedule:

On April 15th the ASBI will feature *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. This movie outlines the events of one day in the life of a Siberian Labor Camp prisoner during the Stalin regime.

Siddhartha, on April 29th, is the first Hermann Hesse novel to be brought to the screen. This movie will also be shown in Cinemascope. Siddhartha tells the epic story of Man's search for self through realms of experience of the flesh and the spirit.

On May 5th we have a very special treat. Gene Wilder and Donald Sutherland will absolutely devastate you in the funniest movie you've ever seen. Wilder and Sutherland portray two sets of mismatched twins mixed up at birth. Their accidental (but simultaneous) presence at the court of Louis XVI, years later, causes such confusion that the French Revolution is nearly averted. It's called "Start The Revolution Without Me."

On May 6th Sir Laurence Olivier will cavort in the Shakespearian tragedy *Othello*; on the 16th of May the same star will play Hamlet. The ASBI movie season will end the 12th of May with *Little Big Man*, starring Dustin Hoffman, also in Cinemascope.



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As you leaf through these pages, undoubtedly you'll find something you like, and something you don't. As well, you'll see articles you expected to see, and some you didn't. And of course you'll now find articles you expected to see, which is probably because there was no one to write it.

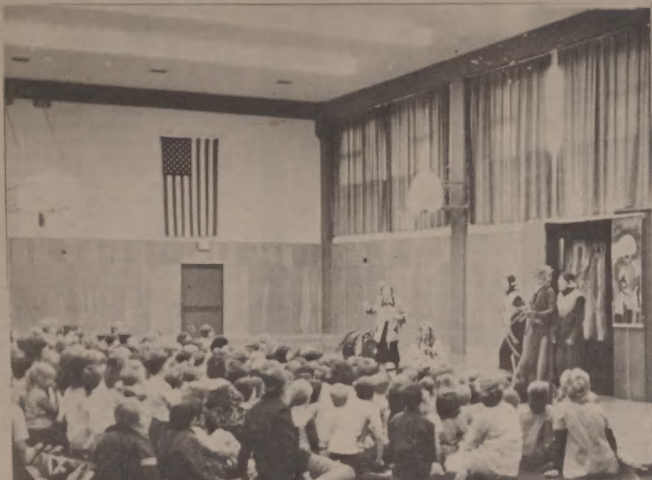
The Common Sense is desperately in need of people who write well and can type, and who have their wits about them. As has been oft said, There's lots of news around here — just not enough people to report it.

Especially needed are people familiar enough with one

department ("beat," in the parlance) to keep the paper informed of things happening therein.

If you have some spare time and would like to see your name in print and possibly win a Pulitzer prize, see John in the Newspaper office or call 311. Hot tips welcome anytime.

Spaced Out



Future CCC students enjoying the Family Circus

The Family Circus and the ASBI teamed up April 6, 7 & 8 to entertain over a thousand grade school children in Seaside, Warrenton, and Astoria.

The Associated Student Body sponsored the performances of the Family Circus, a theatrical group from Portland. The F.C. has performed all over the Northwest to over 400,000 children.

They presented a children's play called "Garbage, an SOS

from Outer Space," a clown marching band and juggling to the enthusiastic children.

For thirty-five minutes of each performance the F.C. were in complete control of the audience. In places the group took the play into the audience and got the youngsters involved in the action; it was impressive, to say the least, to watch a professional theatrical group work.

Friday night the Family Circus presented two excellent

plays in the Student Union. As usual the turnout was slight; perhaps the adult theme of the plays was too much for most of our students. The F.C. performed "Superman meets the Plutonium Tycoon" and "Labor Pains." For the children in the audience the troupe had an additional workshop upstairs in the Tennis Shoe Theater.

Also the Circus held a workshop at the college and members of the group performed at the Day Care Center.

"I was in love with a beautiful blonde once; she drove me to drink. Tis the one thing I'm indebted to her for."

W.C. FIELDS

Who goes here?

Look around you. See all those people? You don't? Well, try leaving the lavatory first. Okay, that's better. Now did you ever wonder how many there are here from column A and how many from column B? Well, thanks to our esteemed Director of Admissions and Records, Jim Hagan (and, if I know my bureaucracy, a bevy of secretarial help), we have for you here a breakdown of those curious and disparate creatures known as Clatsop College students:

(1) Number of full-time freshman students 17, 18 and 19 years old:

Male - 77
Female - 77
Total 154

(2) Ratio of women to men in student body: 1.56:1.

(3) Number of full-time students: 523

(4) Number of students registered for

1-5 credits - 1,974

6-10 credits - 166

11-15 credits - 313

16-20 credits - 204

21-25 credits - 10

(5) Average age of full-time students: 23.4 years

(6) Average age of all students: 32.6 years

Youngest student - 6 years

Oldest student - 89 years

(7) Ratio of part-time students to full-time students: 4.53:1

(8) Estimated number of 1977 Clatsop County high school graduates: 420

(9) Estimated of 1977 Clatsop County high school graduates going on to college: 240

(10) Number of fall 1976 entering transfer students: 75

(11) Number of winter 1977 entering transfer students: 50

(12) 1975-1976 in-district ratio on-campus to off-campus FTE: 13.89:1

Curiously enough, one statistic which Jim & Company overlooked is the ratio of human to non-human students here. Let it go unrecorded, it's a fact that one Rufus W. Heintz was at one time enrolled in a speech class here at Clatsop, reportedly for remedial barking. This leads us to believe Rufus is apart from most Clatsop students. Therefore,

(13) Ratio of humans to non-humans: 2567:1.

Good luck, Rufus, and remember not to practice in a no-barking area.

Clatsop Briefs

By A. Pismo Clam

Don't Forget! Friday, April 15 is the last day to drop classes and still get a refund. One week later, April 22, is your last chance to drop a class without receiving that ominous "W" on your transcript (or worse yet, "F").

Late fee goes into effect Monday, the 18th of April. It'll cost you one buck to process an add slip. Mercifully, there is no charge for dropping, except for dropping out, in which case you pay the rest of your life, if I can believe my adviser.

TIME TO PANIC! Petitions for June graduation were supposed to be in last Monday. Where were you? See your advisor if you were expecting to graduate, and get on his case if he's been sloughing off!

Students graduating this June who wish to participate in Commencement planning should contact Dean Batchelder in SPS. He's seeking your input to make this one memorable.

Congratulations to Eva Platt and Joyce Allen, winter term graduates! Both received associate of arts degrees in general education at a special ceremony last Friday.

BROWN BAG CONCERTS happen every Tuesday at noon in the Tennis Shoe Theater (gym). Bring your lunch, but try not to rattle too much.

SO LONG AND CONGRATS! Rory and Connie Schuck have, of all things, given birth to a daughter. And although it can be said that Connie did most of the work, now it's Rory's turn, so he's not with us anymore here at the Common Sense. Good luck, handsome. So who's minding the ship?

WELCOME BACK HILARY. Woman of letters and all-around whiz, Hilary Boehm is returning this term to answer the call of duty. She's undertaken co-editorship of guess what great student newspaper. Starting next issue you'll see the difference. Meanwhile, allow us to limp along...

Don't forget to run for office! You've got until Monday, April 18th, to file a petition to run for an ASBI office. Open positions are: ASBI president, treasurer, secretary, liberal arts rep, v-tech rep, and evening school rep.

For more info, see Helen Wheeler in SPS or an ASBI officer.



SPORTS

WINTER 1977

BASKETBALL

Total number of games played: 45.

Total number of teams formed: 8.

Total number of players registered: 53.

Total number of officials involved: 10.

(referees - 6) (timekeepers - 2)

(scorekeepers - 2)

All games played at noon on the auditorium floor.

HOCKEY

Teams formed: 2.

Games played: 2.

Number of players registered: 16.

Officials involved: 4.

(referees - 1) (timekeepers - 1) (scorekeepers - 2)

PISTOL SHOOT

Games played: 34.

Rounds per person per game: 18.

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Officials involved: 1.

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Number of players registered: 31.

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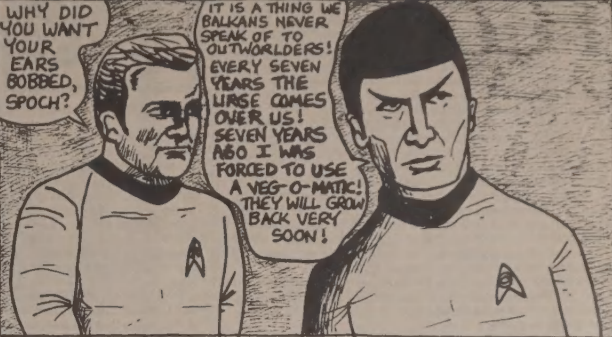
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IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST ACTION, CAPTAIN!



YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS! HIS EARS DID RETURN--ED.

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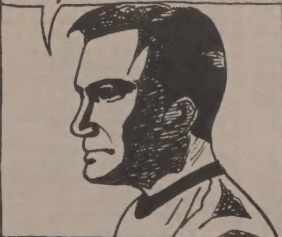


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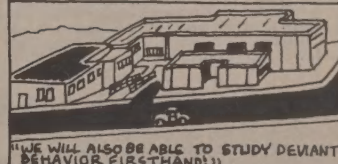
WHAT?!!



ORGANIZE A LANDING PARTY, SPOCH, WE'RE GOING AFTER HIM!



"CAPTAIN'S LOG, STAR DATE 3423.1... WE HAVE FOLLOWED MCKOY DOWN TO A CERTAIN CULTURAL INSTITUTION KNOWN AS CLATSOP COLLEGE, WHICH SPOCH INFORMS ME NO LONGER EXISTS IN OUR FUTURE!!"



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TO BE CONTINUED ...

Editorial

For Paxton Hoag

This Tuesday, April 19th, the voters of Clatsop County will go to the polls to elect, among others, three Port commissioners. The importance of a vital and responsive Port commission to the county, and hence the college, cannot be underestimated.

The Port, in short, can make or break this town and we must take care that the people we elect to it are prepared to deal realistically and responsibly with the immense decisions this body must take. We need commissioners who can tell a good industry from a bum one: the fact that most aluminum plants around the country have cut back production by astounding rates ought to scare the hell out of you. Had the incumbent commissioners had their way, and environmental awareness not axed the Alumax deal, well, you tell me what we'd have here in Clatsop County.

Clearly a consciousness is emerging in our area which embraces more than a "bigger is better" attitude toward economic development. And we need to elect people who recognize the value of the industry we have now and are prepared to help it however possible. We need people who favor light, clean industry which will put money in our pockets but not compromise the beauty or livability of our area for ourselves or other species.

Of the seventeen men running for three seats on the Port commission, the Common Sense feels compelled to recommend one man who's been making a lot of sense on issues we'll be dealing with for years to come.

William Paxton Hoag recognizes that Clatsop County is going to grow, and that we must be prepared for it with thoughtful planning. He realizes that industrial development need not compromise environmental considerations, nor vice-versa.

He's got a sensible plan for solving the Pier 3 problem, one that will at once enhance the Port's capacity and not endanger the delicate estuarine balance.

Hoag sees the need to deal cooperatively, not antagonistically, with the state and federal natural resource agencies. In the past personal feelings have kept the commission from participating in local planning. Hoag points out that the primary objective of the commission is to develop the county and port.

On a host of issues Paxton Hoag has shown himself to be a responsive and creative thinker. We believe he is qualified and able to help Clatsop County escape from the role of marginal survival we're all too familiar with.

God knows the Port Commission needs Paxton Hoag. We recommend you vote for him.

For you

Also, not surprisingly we recommend you vote for yourself.

The 1977-78 college budget levy will be put to the voters Tuesday. The general fund requirement for CCC next year will be \$2,938,750. Of this, however, only \$1,303,229 will be requested from local tax dollars, the rest coming from state support, tuition, county timber sales, and donations from millionaires.

We earn our keep, though, in the community. Primed by the local levy, Clatsop College maintains a non-polluting industry which returns about \$5 million to the area annually. In effect, for every local tax dollar spent in support, the college returns about five dollars.

And that's just the financial end. The value of the college in the community can be measured as well in the service rendered. Rarely does one find a smaller college with such a professional and dedicated faculty and staff as we have at Clatsop. The educational and social benefits to the community are immense.

We hope you'll support the college budget levy on Tuesday. Anyone 18 or older who's been a resident of the county for 30 days or more and has registered to vote is eligible to cast a ballot. To register, see either the county clerk or Barbara Cruzan in the college bookstore.

Head for the polls Tuesday and be true to your school!

Just one more quickie. In Ken's column this issue he runs down the important duties of ASBI officers, so I'll spare you a rerun. But let me urge you, if you are interested in helping your fellow students, and if you have the time, to run for an ASBI officer.

It's a valuable learning experience—a crash course on dealing with people in the real world. Also, it's a great way to break into show biz.

So show us what you've got. File a petition by Monday, the 18th, and you're in the running.



Honesty, anyone?

Dear Editors,

After having had a chat down in the Student Union with a friend who complained about having been "ripped off" twice in the last couple weeks, I have a suggestion for an article or editorial — the attributes of honesty and/or declining integrity of CCC students (I hope not).

I've lived on the East Coast and down in California, and one of the things that has impressed me about this school is the honesty of the people around here. Although a lot of the country seems to be into a glorified outlaw trip, people around here, at least for the most part, seem to be keeping their heads.

Maybe if you wrote something that commended them for this, it might help encourage them more, especially since sometimes younger students get into thinking it's hip to be a thief.

Anyway, I enjoy your paper and I'm just trying to do my bit by making this suggestion.

Karen Field
Ed note—Consider it done, Karen. Yours is an effective editorial in its own right. I hope anyone who recognizes himself described above will stop and think. As Bob Dylan said, "to live outside the law one must be honest."

Candidate speaks

Hey People!

Wait a minute! Are there issues in this Port election? Brown & Root, Tansy Point, air transportation, Pier 3, etc., or are you going to look at the way the Port has been jacked around all these years. Take a look! Shabby buildings, lack of information, heavy duty expense accounts. I think it is time we asked some questions about the way the Port has been run.

Thanks for your vote.

Bruce Lethin
Candidate, Position 5
Port Commission

On behalf of the students of Clatsop Community College, we wish to make the following proposal to the City of Astoria and the Traffic Safety Committee.

We, the Committee for Increased Parking Usage, contend that parking on the west side of 16th Street would not hinder traffic in any way. It would, however, provide more parking space which would enable more students to attend classes with greater regularity, as opposed to the situation at hand. Students who attend day classes are still trying to cope with the parking issues that were prevalent more than ten years ago, with one exception: our enrollment has grown to the extent that there is not enough

Spring term has slipped in as quietly as the Astoria fog, but with perhaps less enthusiasm.

Actually the ASBI has been quite busy and do we have a line up for you.

First, the outrageous theatrical group from Portland, the Family Circus, will be in Astoria this week, playing before all the local grade schools and at the college.

The movie program has accelerated with the use of the comfortable student lounge to show films in and the purchase of some new equipment which will allow us to show movies on wide screen (cinemascope).

The ASBI is assisting the Forestry Club and providing one of Oregon's top bands to play at the Timber Carnival May 14th: Wheatfield, from Eugene.

WORDS

By Ken Stiller
ASBI president

ASBI elections are April 20, 21, 22... Offices up for election include president, secretary, treasurer, and departmental representatives. All positions carry a scholarship award which, quite frankly, will not pay for the effort you put in on the job; however, the rewards are much more than monetary.

The ASBI is the most important student organization at CCC. The ASBI is represented on all administrative committees, is involved with most of the decisions, academically and administratively at the college.

Our budget this year was for \$28,000, which is spent for student activities.

The ASBI runs the movie program, dances, speakers, offers scholarships and emergency loans, supports clubs, provides community services, represents student interests.

Being an elected official of the ASBI gives an education of its own not afforded in the classroom, and it helps when applying for various scholarships and grants.

It is, however, no easy task; it takes considerable time and effort. Frankly, it requires great sacrifice not to overdo it, but this is no job for the faint of heart.

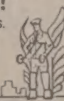
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available parking space for those, who, for one reason or another, must be there. Whether a student, instructor, visitor or businessman, a lack of adequate parking cannot be conducive to sound economical, social and educational progress. Nor can it give rise to the opportunity of progressive interrelations between the college as an institution and the community as a whole.

Our proposal is based on the aforementioned and foregoing factors: students enrolled at the college who attend day classes find parking space limited and, in certain instances, restricted. Therefore, students are compelled to spend several minutes circling the designated parking areas and the surrounding residential sections with the hope of finding a space in which to park. On heavily scheduled days, space is extremely limited, and if an area relatively close to the college cannot be found, the student is then compelled to use valuable class time simply trying to get there.

This, we feel, is not conducive to regular student attendance, which, in our estimation, leaves the college lacking in quality

and active support for both the college and the students as a whole.

We therefore request the City of Astoria to remove the no-parking signs which are posted on 16th Street between Lexington and Jerome. One other basis for this request is that the aforementioned area is the only area that has restricted parking on all of 16th St. We have been unable to find any justification for this restriction, a restriction that may prove to be detrimental not only to the college and the students, but to the community as well. Without adequate parking space, enrollment cannot reach its maximum potential, thereby leaving the college and the community lacking educationally, socially, and economically.

Bearing this in mind, we ask that our proposal be accepted, which hopefully, will further the cooperation and participation within our community in its continual progress.

VALERIE A. HOOT

The Common Sense welcomes letters to the editor. Please sign all correspondence; names will be withheld to protect the innocent or bashful.

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But sex is x

veterans

By Dave Rinehart

A new administrator and a new law

Well, at last the CCC Veterans' Association lives again. On Wednesday evening, March second, a small group of veterans met in the Student Union and agreed that a Vets' club could be beneficial to themselves, the school and the community. After brief discussion, the following officers were unanimously elected: Ike Simmerman, president; Dave Morris, vice-president; and Dave Rinehart, secretary. Our constitution has already been accepted by the Student Council, so we are now officially a club.

The work isn't all done though; it has just started. Aside from finding a faculty advisor and re-establishing an advisory committee, we veterans have to initiate some worthwhile activities to justify the existence of the CCCVA. If you are a veteran and are interested in becoming an active member of the club, or if you have questions about veterans affairs, or if you would like to know the latest changes in VA rules, please come to our next meeting (sometime in early May). If you can't make the meeting, talk to Ike, Dave Morris or myself, or leave a message at the Veterans Office. We are anxiously anticipating your participation.

Oh, by the way, this club demands no dues.

On the national scene, President Carter has appointed Max Cleland to succeed Richard L. Roudebush as head of the Veterans Administration.

At age 34, Cleland is the youngest administrator of veterans affairs, and is the first Vietnam veteran ever to head the VA.

Since losing both legs and one arm in a grenade explosion near Khe Sanh in April, 1968, Max Cleland has returned to a remarkably active and productive political career in his home state of (where else?) Georgia. Elected to the state senate in 1970, he became its youngest member and its only Vietnam vet. In addition, Cleland has been working either on or in close relation with the

U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs since 1972.

Finally, I would like to reprint an article from the Stars and Stripes printed on February 17, 1977. I hope this article will further clarify the VA's newest rules concerning withdrawals, incompletes, and other punitive grades.

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Veterans going to school under the GI Bill could wind up in debt to the Federal government if they drop courses or receive non-punitive grades under certain circumstances, the VA cautioned.

VA officials explained that a recent Congressional amendment to the GI Bill requires the agency to retroactively cancel assistance payments for a course dropped without a grade. This applies also in cases when a course is completed but the grade assigned is, in effect, ignored by the school for graduation requirements.

The new regulations do not apply when the situation was caused by circumstance beyond the student's control, VA said.

VA described the new regulation as a major change in GI Bill benefit payments policy.

THE NEW LAW provides that VA may not pay educational benefits for any part of a course which is not used in computing graduation requirements, VA officials explained.

This means, they said, that many students will find themselves overpaid under the GI Bill for courses from which they withdraw and for courses in which the assigned grade is not used in computing the requirements for graduation.

Payments for such a course must be stopped as of the first day of the school term, or December 1, 1976, whichever date is later, they said.

FOR EXAMPLE, if a student withdraws from a course on April 1, under the conditions outlined, VA payments will, in effect, be terminated retroactively to the beginning of the term.

In the past, GI Bill payments would have continued up to the date of withdrawal but the new law prohibits this.

VA urged students enrolled under the GI Bill not to drop a course or request a non-punitive grade until they have contacted their school's veterans' affairs office and understand what effect the withdrawal from a course or grade may have on their monthly VA checks.

The agency also recommended that both students and school officials provide a brief statement concerning circumstance of the withdrawal or grade assignment when reporting it to the VA.

VA will then determine the effect of the circumstances on the withdrawal or more punitive grade and notify the student of the action taken to adjust his or her educational benefits.

CLATSOP COURIER

November 10, 1966

Seeing Red

Students of Clatsop College, are you finding it harder to find a parking spot near school every day? If you are, I can't understand it. There is a nice little lady dressed in blue that clearly shows you where not to park. She even leaves you a little reminder just in case you forget. Isn't that sweet of her?

Some people think it is so kind that they borrow someone else's reminder and put it on their own car. The result is that when she comes visiting again and sees this reminder on a car where it is not to be parked, she figures the owner has not seen it yet. Therefore, she does not issue another. When the borrower returns, he merely leaves the reminder on someone else's car, to the dismay of only the original owner. He wasn't even aware of the ticket in the first place.

Eventually there will be better parking facilities, and until then the college hopes that you will share the early growing pains of a great college.

Dear Doctor

By Doctor Walter N. Profahtz

Dear Doctor,

While my problem may seem unimportant to you, I hope you can help me. Several weeks ago my girlfriend's brother came to our place to "crash" for a few nights (he'd been kicked out of his apartment). Well, a few nights turned into another few nights, and it's been nearly a month and I'm going nuts. This big slob sleeps all day, parties all night with his obnoxious friends, eats all my food and steals my weed.

I would have thrown him out weeks ago, but my girlfriend pays half the rent too, and besides, he can make mince-meat out of me. Meanwhile I am at the end of my rope. They are a very tight family and I don't want to lose her. What to do?

Desperate

Dear Des,

You're right. Your problem does seem unimportant to me.

Dear Doctor,

How do you handle a roommate who won't put his cigarette out when you ask? This is driving me to distraction.

All choked up

Dear All,

I am completely drive you to distraction, at which point you'll be distracted and won't even notice. I'm surprised you didn't think of that.

Dear Doctor,

I wrote to you last year and asked your advice on my marriage. My husband was a

no-good layabout who abused me and spent the rent on gambling. You advised me to take counseling with him. The doctor we saw diagnosed hypertension and gave him a prescription for tranquilizers. Well, they made him even more obnoxious. So now I'm taking the tranquilizers and everything's all right. Thanks for the advice.

Time for Another

Dear Time,

Oh really? What kind?

Confidential is Alone Again: I agree with you. Simply stated, you're incurable. Kill yourself, I don't give a rip.

Dear Doctor,

I met this adorable guy at a kegger last weekend and want to know him better, but as we've mentioned formally introduced, I'm unsure as how to proceed. Can you advise me how to get him to make the first move?

Bashful, naturally

Dear Bash,

Ah, what sublime innocence! Would that good men could meet such nice, retiring women like you ever time. My first wife was a witch. She latched on to me the minute she knew I had dough. If I had it to do all over, and make the first move, I'd kill her.

Doctor Profahtz will be glad to answer any question pertaining to matters mundane or cosmic. Accompany all questions with a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a stuffed Zig-Zag to cover expenses or at least help him forget about them.

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The Inquiring Photographer

By John F. Crowley

This issue's provocative question: Where would you like to be right now?



Morey Sanders, Public Info Director: "Right here. I'm happy."



Laddie Sidlinger, student: "Keked back in Baja, California, with a big joint and a foxy lady. How's that?"



Barbara Cruzan, Bookstore Chief: "Alone on the top of the world with one man."



Del Bjork, Instructor: "Our on the Columbia River, fishing for the elusive salmon."



Gerry Swenson, Instructor: "Walking down Irving Avenue, admiring the gorgeous, pink flowering tree."



Linda Jaasko, secretary: "Basking in the sunlight in Hawaii."



Sue Rinkes, secretary: "In Switzerland."



Ellen Robinson, Instructor: "I'm where I want to be right now."



Gary Meuhlberg, Instructor: "Out fishin'."



Pauls Ingram, secretary: "Anywhere out of Clatsop County."



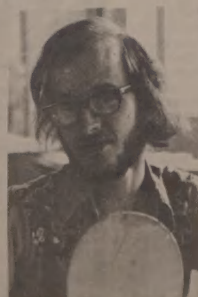
Vickie Foss, student: "Florida, laying on the beach."



Ken Stilger, student: "In a truck garden, surrounded by lettuce, artichokes and zucchini. I've always felt secure with vegetables."



Teresa Ybarra, student: "In partnership with John Crowley, because he took my picture."



Jon Gilbert, student: "Where I'm at."



Carmen Savage, student: "In bed, making love."



Ray Ferguson, student: "On the bridge of the Enterprise."

Sorry, Ladies Credit for Women: Not So Easy

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By Susan Seliger

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act, which went into effect late in 1975, lifted some of the roadblocks to women trying to obtain credit. But the road won't be free of obstacles until June, when one of the most important provisions of the act goes into effect: that of establishing separate credit histories for husbands and wives.

Separate is equal, according to the Federal Reserve Board, which administers the act — at least when it comes to how the credit histories of married couples are maintained. As of June 1, creditors will be required to keep separate credit histories for both the husband and wife who share an account instead of the current practice of keeping one for the husband only.

A credit history is simply a record of any credit you have ever been granted (in the form of credit cards or bank loans) and how you have paid off the bills or loans.

Vanishing Records

Getting credit can be frustrating: You must have a history of borrowing money to borrow money. Men and women alike find that the first time they try to get credit or a loan they receive a lower credit limit or higher interest rate than someone with the same income but a long, strong credit history. Men can be fairly sure that subsequent efforts to get credit will be easier with an established credit history.

Many women who think they have credit histories are in for a surprise according to the Federal Reserve. Few married women, even those who have personal incomes, have their own credit records. Some may think they do because they had credit cards when they were single. But when they got married and let creditors know about it, they lost their independent records. Creditors routinely have demanded that a newly married woman reapply for credit (in the husband's name); they then would subsume her account under his. In a matter of years, creditors would sweep away the wife's previous files as an inactive account. And any trace of her independent credit history would vanish.

Does a woman who kept her maiden name after marriage, had her own job, and applied for credit on the basis of her own income have a credit history? Probably not. If she merely mentioned her husband's name on a credit application, the credit history would likely be filed under his name.

Why You Need One

Married women who do not work outside the home probably assume they do not have a credit history. But that doesn't mean they don't need one.

If a woman is divorced, she may need credit to pay bills before alimony or child-support payments begin. For a widow, it often takes six months to settle an estate or collect insurance benefits. A loan may be necessary during that time to pay the mortgage or funeral costs. But banks usually say: No credit history, no loan. And because newly divorced and widowed women often are required to reapply for credit, a separate history becomes essential.

Any credit accounts opened after June 1 will automatically establish separate lines of credit for each spouse. And creditors will have until Oct. 1 to send a notice to existing account holders informing them that they have the right to request separate credit histories. All it takes is one signature from either spouse on a request form. (Women should use their own first name, Mary Smith, not Mrs. John Smith, since the latter is a name any wife of John Smith can claim.)

The creditor then has 90 days to insert the wife's name in the files. In the future the wife may give her name to a new creditor who in turn can get her credit history without requiring the name of her spouse.

A wife is entitled to a credit history even if credit was granted to the family solely on the basis of the husband's income. That reasoning, according to the Federal Reserve, is based on the fact that a wife may not contribute cash, but it is often her management of purchases and payments that establishes the family's good (or bad) credit record.

For women, one drawback of the new provision is that if a couple has a bad credit record, that information will become part of the wife's files as well. A bad credit history may be worse than none at all.

If you do want a separate credit history and you have not received a "married persons' credit-history notice" by the first week in October, you can write to your creditors informing them that if they have not already set up separate histories for you and your spouse, they have 90 days under the credit act to do so.

Creditors will then report these separate credit histories to credit bureaus, which will also set up separate files. But, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), credit bureaus — unlike creditors, cannot simply transfer everything from a husband's files into the wife's. Last week the FTC proposed that if a woman wants any part of her husband's credit records to appear in her credit history, she must specify to the credit bureau which data apply jointly to her and her spouse and should, therefore, be transferred to her file.

Provisions of the Act

Here are several provisions of the act that are already in effect to help women get credit:

Creditors cannot ask about the birth-control methods or child-bearing plans of the applicant.

Creditors must consider a wife's income when a couple applies for joint credit. They also cannot refuse to consider as income part-time employment, public-assistance benefits, or alimony and child support.

Creditors cannot require an applicant to open an account in the spouse's name.

Creditors cannot require a cosigner if a woman applies for credit in her own name and is herself credit worthy.

Creditors must specify on application forms that applicants need not designate Mr., Mrs., or Ms.

If you have a credit card while single, creditors cannot terminate your credit and make you reapply simply because you married.

If you become divorced or widowed, creditors cannot terminate your credit automatically. But they can ask you to reapply.

Keeping Track

Many women's groups say the act has helped equalize credit opportunities. But Shoshana Cardin, chairwoman of the Maryland Commission for Women, adds that women's organizations should continue to monitor the Federal Reserve to ensure that it enforces the law. Cardin notes that in November the Federal Reserve proposed a change that would require two signatures in order to establish separate credit histories for married persons. This would mean that a husband could have vetoed his wife's desire for her own credit record. It took public pressure, including telegrams from her group and others, Cardin says, to persuade the Federal Reserve to keep the one-signature requirement.

Cardin also says that the Federal Reserve delayed enforcing the separate-credit-history provision, which originally was scheduled to take effect last November. The Federal Reserve spent so long considering credit institutions' arguments against the requirement that the effective date was postponed seven months, Cardin says.

Cardin is one of the authors of a useful booklet on women and credit, "Women: To Your Credit." It is available free from Commercial Credit Corp., by calling toll free 800 638-1900. In Maryland you can call collect 301 332-3624. Or you can obtain a copy by writing to Commercial Credit Corp., 300 St. Paul Pl., Baltimore 21202.

DENIED CREDIT? LEARN WHY-IN WRITING

Credit discrimination based on sex or marital status was the original target of the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. On March 23 the Federal Reserve Board will enlarge its interpretation of the act to include discrimination based on age, race, color, religion, national origin, or receipt of public-assistance benefits.

Banks no longer will be able to automatically take away your credit cards when you turn 62, as many now do, according to the Federal Reserve Board. Nor will creditors be able to give an elderly person a lower credit rating simply because of age. They can, however, reduce an older person's credit because of lowered income.

Creditors also will be required to ask all persons applying for mortgages to specify their sex, marital status, race, and national origin. Minority groups have said that in the past they were the only ones asked such questions. No one is required to answer those questions, however. Creditors will not be able to ask about race or national origin for other loan applications.

As of March 23 creditors who reject an application, withdraw credit, or offer credit under substantially different terms than those requested must explain specifically why, in writing, within 30 days. The creditor's letter also must include a short description of the equal-credit act and disclose which of 12 Federal agencies administers his compliance with the act.

The Federal Trade Commission, which is supposed to make sure retail stores comply with the act, has just filed a complaint against Montgomery Ward and Co. for not giving applicants specific reasons for their rejection. Wards told applicants that the company used a point system in granting credit, and wasn't specific enough. It has received about 2,000 complaints alleging violations of the act, and the agency expects even more as familiarity with the act grows.

If you think you have been discriminated against by a retail store or consumer-finance company, send your complaint to the Federal Trade Commission, Equal Credit Opportunity, Washington, D.C. 20580.

What to do until the Bluegrass comes

By John Niemann &
Laddie Sindlinger

The sun was shining, 85 degrees in the shade. After surviving a breakfast at Nasty Nora's, surviving in the sense that we were able to move when we got done eating after one hell of a hangover and numerous joints earlier that morning (in fact the food was excellent, and highly recommended by this crew), we hopped into our black-as-night KW log truck that we had taken out for a test drive (not really contemplating buying, just getting low on gas money and looking for a classy cruiser), and made our way to the fairgrounds where once again we were found heading for the beer garden. The time: 11:00 a.m. The place: Eugene, Oregon. The event: the 4th Annual Oregon Bluegrass Festival, held 3 weekends ago.

Bluegrass is indeed not some exotic type of weed that goes for 40 bucks an ounce, but rather a get-down style of music that makes both the young and old come alive. It has been around as long as the Tennessee hills it originated in, but was brought into the spotlight by Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs in the movie Bonnie and Clyde.

If you get into good music, good people, and in general all-around good times, and you weren't there, you missed a great one. All the way down (we hitched) there were folks from Astoria to party with. Top bluegrass bands in the Northwest were gathered there, bands like Dr. Corn's Bluegrass Remedy, The Sawtooth Mt. Boys, Good Country, and a special guest appearance by Mason Williams.

The only complaint voiced was the amount of commercialism involved in this year's festival. Tickets were 3.50 per show and the beer .50 a glass, prices that in our opinion were far too exorbitant. Luckily, there were plenty of people jammin' outside and if one could muster enough strength to walk out to the parking lot a good buzz could always be caught.

The next big bluegrass event (and I do mean big) will be the national Old Time Fiddler's Contest, held this year around June 20 in Weiser, Idaho. Hope to see you there.

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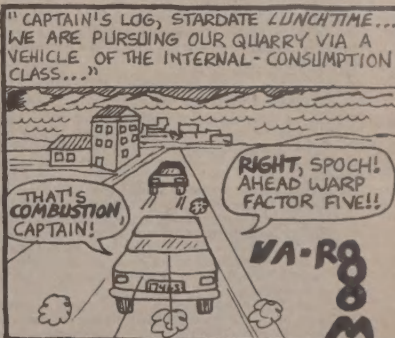
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